GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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EXCISE ON LIQUOR
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the news-item captioned `Excise Dept`s `Gift` to liquor firms` appearing in the Hindustan Times dated August 7, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether steep hike in liquor has only benefited the liquor firms and not the Excise Department; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and rationale behind fixing high price of liquor by Excise Department ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b), (c), & (d) Excise duty on alcoholic liquors being a State subject, the Central Government is not ina position to provide this information.